

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WisconsinSTANDARDS AND METHODS OF ASSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE

The following is a description of the methods that will be used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality and a description of the standards established by the State to assure high quality care:

- a. Provision is made for use of specialist and consultative medical service.
- b. Provision is made for necessary transportation of categorically needy and medically needy recipients to and from the suppliers of medical and remedial care and services.
- c. Priority will be given to the use of available semiprivate accommodations (2 bed, 3 bed and 4 bed rooms) for hospitalized recipients..
- d. Standards for the long-term care of patients in medical institutions will include the following:
 - (1) There will be a medical-social plan for each patient, which includes the consideration of alternate types of care, and which is reassessed periodically accomplished through independent medical review or independent professional review.
 - (2) Each patient will be under care of a physician. All patients requiring a visit each 30 days will, in fact, be seen by a physician. Arbitrary and universal application of a 30 day visit requirement which would result in unnecessary physicians visits is not intended. When a physician specifically indicates that the patient's condition does not require monthly visits, they are not required.
 - (3) In other instances when 30 day physicians' visits are not made, there will be documentation to show that:
 - (a) The nursing home administrator has made a valid attempt to get the physician to visit his patients.
 - (b) The home has notified the single State agency of their difficulties regarding specific cases.
 - (c) The patient is notified of his right to placement in a facility where his need for skilled nursing home care can be met.
 - (4) Prescribed medications will be reviewed by the attending physician at least every 30 days and tests or observations of patients indicated by their medical regimen have been made at appropriate times and properly recorded.

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- (5) There will be a continuing clinical record for each patient.
- e. Professional medical staff of the state agency, including the service areas of dentistry, nursing, restorative therapy, etc., will be in constant ongoing surveillance of medical care patterns of utilization and provision. Guidelines for specialized services, such as vocational rehabilitation and crippled childrens services, have been incorporated to assure maximum utilization in these specialized areas.
- f. In the provision of drugs,
- (1) The State uses professional pharmaceutical consultation;
- (2) Standards and procedures provide for dispensing of drugs at the lowest cost consistent with quality; and
- (3) There will be review and analysis of drug bills, including the compilation of statistics with respect to types, quantities, and cost of drugs dispensed.
- g. There will be a specific plan for a continuous evaluation of the utilization and quality of medical and remedial care and services provided under the State plan.
- h. Methods will exist that assure that direct service workers and their supervisors are knowledgeable about health problems and ways to assist people to secure medical and remedial care and services.
- i. Direct service workers will be kept currently informed of significant medical information concerning their clients.

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